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In re Application of :
Mark Alperovich et al. :
Application No. 09/674,994 :
Filed: December 13, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. 109289-00164 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 31, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of September 25, 2002. The notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the above identified application became abandoned on December 26, 2002.

The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1756 for further processing.

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